

## NHCETF Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2012

Present: Letty McPhedran, Caroline Dumont, Sarah Baird, Kenny Foscue

1. November 2012 minutes reviewed and approved.
2. Task force meeting with Mike Freda, Ed Swinkowski, and Mike Doucette set for 12/19/12 at 10:15 a.m.

Letty, Sarah, Caroline, Hugh, and maybe Kenny will attend it. Plan is to have Sarah lead the meeting with other's support. Agenda and strategy discussed:

- State of the task force: Agenda includes discussing mission and role of the task force as detailed in Sarah's summary. Sarah has sent it to him via email. Plan to discuss loss of task force members, burn out, and need for a town employee to be appointed as a liaison between town and task force.
- Approval of Draft MAP: review Chris Fogg's report dated 8/27/11 and discuss if it can be used as a draft Municipal Action Plan. Define broad and also specific achievable action goals, particularly town setting a target of 10% energy reductions first by addressing the three most inefficient buildings, and behavioral changes of town employees. Agree to a plan to finalize MAP with goal of earning \$10,000 Bright Ideas grant.
- Investment Opportunities: Congratulate First Selectman's and others successes including changing old oil boilers to natural gas. Plan to discuss that some of the savings from these improvements should be reinvested such as further improving the town's energy efficiency or hiring and energy manager.
- CEFIA goals: Mike Doucette's from UI will discuss new CEFIA goals. Commitment letter for 20% clean energy by 2018 letter of commitment will be reviewed and signed by Mr. Freda.
- Actions points: Discuss specific action points that we will take going forward to address the above points.

3. Letter by to the editor of local papers: Letty reports there have been no responses to this letter that was published in November regarding the task force and need for new members.

4. Letter to Selectman: Kenny noted that Alan Sturtz (spelling?) might be able to contact people on the democratic town committee.

5. Roundtable on Climate and Jobs 11/28/12: See Kenny's email dated 12/10/12. He attended this meeting. Others represented included labor unions, religious groups, community organizations, businesses, and environmental groups. Impetus was response to governors energy plan. They supported the governor's Draft Strategy's emphasis on energy efficiency, which also will create local jobs, as well as commitment to 20% renewable energy by 2020. They were concerned about over investing in the expansion of natural gas infrastructure, and would not want to see the state putting "too many eggs in one basket".

6: Letty said she would like to see the governor put "Connecticut is green, join your local clean energy task force!" at the end of all of his speeches and press conferences. We all agreed it was a great suggestion.

# Meeting with CETF and First Selectman

12/19/12

- State of the task force
- Approval of draft Municipal Action Plan (MAP)
- Investment Opportunities
- CEFIA goals – Mr. Doucette
- Action points
  - Quarterly meetings
  - Other?